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**Amendments to the Specifications:**

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0026]** As may be inferred from the sectional drawings in Fig. 2 and 3, the mirror housing framing 4 possesses a through-like recess 14 within which the holder tube 10 is partially encased. The clamping bracket 12 possesses a similar trough-like recess 16. Thus, as a result of the double, opposed trough-like structures 14, 16, the holder tube 10 is nearly completely circumferentially encased, and a large surface is made available for the transmission of forces. Extending in a first direction from the trough structure 16 of the bracket 12 are a plurality of hook elements 18 which extend in comb-like fashion. Extending from the other side of the trough structure 16 is part 20 of the bracket 12 with extensions 48 for screw fastenings or connectors 26. The hook elements 18 fit into a corresponding hook opening 22 in the mirror housing framing 4. As one can see in Figs. 2 and 4, the part 20 of the clamping bracket 12 is connected to the mirror housing framing 4 by means of four ~~screw connections~~ screws or connectors 26 which pass through extensions 48 and secure in receptor openings formed in mirror housing 4.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0028]** The four screw connectors or connections 24, i.e. screws, enter the part 20 of the clamping bracket 12 (in Fig. 3) from the side proximal to the mirror pane 30. The glass carrier plate 32, with its attendant mirror pane 30, is fastened onto the mirror positioning apparatus 34 by means of a detent connection 36. The glass carrier plate

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32 is without a surrounding rim construction, as discussed in EP 0 659 609 B1, and a periphery 31 of the mirror pane 30 extends slightly outward beyond a periphery 33 of the glass carrier plate 32. To this extent, EP 0 659 609 B1 is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0029]** Fig. 4 shows a view of the mirror housing framing 4 from the front without the mirror element 6. The mirror housing framing 4 possesses three openings 38a, 38b, 38c for internal installation purposes and for weight reduction. The somewhat rectangular clamping bracket 12 exhibits in its screwed-on part 20 an opening 40, which overlaps the central opening 38b (shown in phantom) in the mirror housing framing 4. In the remaining upper and lower edge strips 42, 44, respectively, are provided the four extensions 48 receiving connectors or screws 26 for connecting the clamping bracket 12 with the mirror housing framing 4. On the upper and the lower strips 42, 44 are four screw ~~connections~~ connectors 24 and four ~~receptors~~ holding arms 47 for the screw connection of the mirror positioning adjustment apparatus 34 to the clamping bracket 12.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0030]** When mounting the mirror housing 2, first the clamping bracket 12 is pushed into the snap connections 22 of the mirror housing framing 4. Subsequently,

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the holding tube 10 is clamped between the clamping bracket 12 and the mirror housing framing 4. The clamping bracket 12 is attached to the mirror housing framing 4 from the back side of the mirror assembly forward by ~~screws~~ connectors 26 (see Fig. 2). Thereafter, from the front position, the mirror positioning apparatus 34 is screwed onto the openings or receptors 47 of the clamping bracket 12 by ~~screw connections~~ connectors 24. Following this, the glass carrier plate 32 with the mirror pane 30 is fastened onto the mirror positioning apparatus 34 by means of the detent connections 36. Finally, the mirror housing cover 5 is snapped onto the mirror housing framing 4.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0031]** In the case of the embodiment in accord with Figs. 1- 4, the connections, i.e., ~~screw connections~~ connectors 24 and 26, between first, the mirror housing framing 4 and the clamping bracket 12, and second, the mirror positioning apparatus 34 and the clamping bracket 12, are made by means of two independent sets of connectors or screws 24 and 26 respectively. Alternatively, the mirror positioning apparatus 34, the mirror housing framing 4 and the clamping bracket 12 can also be bound together by a screw connection common to all (not shown).